

## ***Chapter 5***

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#### 5.1 AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED

In the course of preparation of the Draft and Final SEISs for the Golden Sunlight Mine (GSM), the DEQ and BLM communicated with and received input from federal, state, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, companies, and individuals. This list of agencies, organizations, and individuals includes those individuals present at the Public Scoping and the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee meetings held in Whitehall, and the MAA meetings.

#### 5.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### 5.2.1 Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting was held on July 16, 2003 at the Middle School in Whitehall, Montana. A total of 164 people signed in at the meeting, and there were approximately another 30 who declined to sign the register. The meeting commenced with an explanation of the meeting's purpose presented by DEQ. The General Manager of GSM spoke on the history of the mine. This was followed by a presentation by the agencies of the seven alternatives being actively studied in preparation of the SEIS.

Twenty-six attendees at the public scoping meeting made statements, all against partial pit backfill at GSM. Representatives of BLM and DEQ answered questions raised by participants of the meeting.

A total of 76 comments have been received, 71 letters or e-mails, and five comment forms completed during the public meeting. There were a total of 120 signatures on the comments, and 12 comments were on form letters. Of the 76 comments received, 73 expressed strong opinions against partial pit backfill. Seven letters were from local, state, or federal representatives.

#### **What has changed in Chapter 5 since the DSEIS?**

Chapter 5 lists all those who consulted on the SEIS and how public participation took place. The following changes have been made:

- Information on the DSEIS meetings held in 2005 are listed.
- The information on the timeframe for public comments is listed.
- The mailing list for the FSEIS is listed.

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### **5.2.2 Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee**

On September 9, 2003, another public meeting was held at the Whitehall Middle School, called by the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee, a locally based stakeholder group interested in the future and reclamation of GSM. This meeting again showed the interest of the local and surrounding communities in the process. Both DEQ and BLM representatives attended the meeting.

A total of 117 people attended the meeting. Similar to the Public Scoping Meeting, the persons making statements at this meeting were strongly against the partial pit backfill approach to GSM reclamation.

### **5.2.3 MAA Process**

To assist the agencies in determining the range of alternatives to be evaluated in the SEIS, DEQ and BLM initiated a Multiple Accounts Analysis (MAA) process. The MAA process is described in detail in Robertson GeoConsultants (2003) and summarized in Section 1.7.2.

### **5.2.4 Draft SEIS Public Meetings**

Public meetings were held in Whitehall on January 31, 2005, with 17 speakers, Helena on March 14, 2005, with 13 speakers, and Butte on March 24, 2005, with 7 speakers. The meetings were conducted by DEQ and BLM to solicit input on the GSM Draft SEIS.

### **5.2.5 Draft SEIS Public Comments**

The public comment period ran from December 16, 2004, until April 12, 2005. There were 169 groups or individuals who provided public comment on the Draft SEIS. These 169 entities provided 392 comments. The responses to these public comments are found in Chapter 6.

### 5.3 PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING THE SEIS

Agencies, organizations, and individuals who received copies of the Final SEIS are listed below:

#### **Businesses/Organizations**

Alliance for the Wild Rockies  
AngloGold North America  
Atlatl  
Bighorn Environmental Sciences  
Buka Environmental  
Butte Local Development Corp.  
Cardwell Store and RV Park  
Center for Environmental Programs  
Center for Urban Affairs & Policy  
Clark Fork Coalition  
Continental Divide Trail  
Cortez Gold Mine  
CURE  
Earthworks  
Fickler Oil Company  
Gallatin Wildlife Association  
Genesis Inc. Troy Mine  
Golden Sunlight Mine  
Gouch, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman  
International Union of Oper. Engineers  
J. Kuipers Engineering  
JLDC  
LR Huckaba Ranch  
McCloskey Auto Electric  
Mineral Policy Center  
Montana Contractors' Association, Inc.  
Montana Mining Association  
Montana Petroleum Association  
Montana Resources  
Montana River Action  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Mountain Labs  
MSE-TA  
MT Environmental Information Center  
National Wildlife Federation  
Northern Plains Resource Council  
O'Keefe Drilling

Pacific Blasting  
People for the West  
Pintler Audubon Society  
Smith Construction  
Smith Contracting  
Western Mining Action Project  
Western Environmental Trade Assoc.

#### **Colleges and Universities**

Montana State University – Bozeman  
Montana Tech of the University of  
Montana - Butte

#### **Libraries**

Boulder Community Library  
Bozeman Public Library  
Butte Public Library  
John Gregory Memorial Library  
Lewis and Clark County Library  
Montana State Library  
Montana State University Library  
Montana Tech Library

#### **Congressional Offices**

U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg  
U.S. Senator Max Baucus  
U.S. Senator Jon Testor

#### **Montana Legislators**

Representative Art Noonan  
Representative Diane Rice  
Representative George Groesbeck  
Representative Jim Keane  
Representative Scott Mendenhall  
Senator Steve Gallus  
Senator Terry Murphy  
Senator Dan Harrington  
Senator Bill Tash

**Local Governments**

Butte Chamber of Commerce

**County Agencies**

Butte Silver Bow County Commission  
Gallatin County Commission  
Jefferson County Commission  
Jefferson Valley Conservation District  
Madison-Jefferson County Extension  
Office

**Tribal Entities**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai  
Tribes of the Flathead Nation  
Crow Indian Reservation  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

**Federal Government**

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Energy  
Department of Interior  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Library of Congress  
Mineral Management Service  
National Park Service  
Office of Environmental Policy &  
Compliance  
Office of Surface Mining  
US Geological Survey National Center  
US Government Printing Office

**State of Montana**

Department of Commerce  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation  
Environmental Quality Council  
Hard Rock Impact Board  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Office of the Governor  
State Historic Preservation Office

**Individuals**

Joe and Laurie Adams  
James Anderson  
Paul Babcock  
Eric Ball  
Joe Bardswich  
Ike Bassett  
Dana Bauer  
Henry Bogert  
Steve Bundrock  
Shane and Kari Chatriand  
Randy Cline  
Bill and Bernadette Conner  
Gary and Faith Cooper  
Roberta Coppinger  
Joe Davis  
Mary Davis  
Bob Dedominic  
Kenneth Dodd  
Jim Ellerton  
Jessie Felsheim  
Meryl and Lacy Fitzpatrick  
Jerry Fleege  
Larry Fulford  
Donald Gillespie  
Jerry Gray  
Dick and Mary Gustin  
Jerry Hanley

**Individuals (Cont.)**

Amber Henson  
Clifford Hoopes  
J.R. Huchohe  
Amber Jones  
Trenton Jones  
Rick Jonlan  
Doc Jordan  
Jim Keane  
Joe Kenworthy  
Jerr Lamb  
Victor Lazar  
Roxann Lincoln  
Robert Lonback  
John Magnus  
Tamara Mar  
Robert Marks  
Bret Martinell  
Glenn Marx  
Antone Matule  
Michael McCarthy  
James McComber  
Phillip Mulholland  
Eric Nelson  
Jerry Ocheskey  
Kenneth Paulsen  
Dan Poff  
Don Powers  
Janice Prinkki  
Dean Pryor  
Henry Reed  
Paul Richards  
Edward Ruppel  
Ellie Safratowich  
Tom Salvagni  
Betty Salvagni  
Darrell Scharf  
June Severance  
Bill and Barbara Seybert  
Debbie Bowman Shea  
Ed Simon

Bob and Connie Sims  
Richard Smith  
Bruce Stredwick  
Bob and Barb Sunderland  
Norman and Michelle Tebay  
Jim Tinger  
Charles Van Patten  
Dan Walker  
B. Warthen  
Kerry and Cassie Weightman  
Eric Williams  
Mark Williams  
Ken Wilson